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Ex parte MASAYUKI MARUTA et al.

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Appeal No. 1999-2332  
Application No. 08/815,592

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ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

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An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed May 4, 2000 (Paper No. 21) and has been matched with this application at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The IDS needs to be considered by the Primary Examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A communication notifying appellants of the Primary Examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for such consideration of the IDS, appropriate

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notification to appellants, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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